Insert as an Additional Taxa For *Justicia brandegeana*:

**Justicia carnea** J. Lindley

*Justicia carnea* is also known as Brazilian Plume, Flamingo Flower, Paradise Plant, Plume Flower, or Plume Plant; King’s Crown is a small to medium size evergreen shrub in its native South American habitat; it has densely borne coarse ovate pinnately veined foliage that is green and strongly impressed above, but purplish green to blackish purple beneath; it can reach 4 to 6 in height in its native haunts, but is typically a 1 to 2 annual in our region.

C The main attractions are the terminal clusters of pink to white flowers; its flowers are said to resemble flamingos, hence the common name of Flamingo Flower; flowering occurs from late winter to early summer in its native environment, but it is most frequently encountered in summer in our region; the flowers are very striking and are effective for an extended time.

C This *Justicia* needs morning sun with afternoon shade or day-long filtered shade to grow well; plants tend to become chlorotic in full sun; likewise, plants are fairly stringent in other site requirements, needing a steady moisture supply, good drainage, and a fertile soil; this species is very cold intolerant and is suitable to use as a woody shrub only in the true tropics, USDA zone 10 and 11; it may serve as a herbaceous perennial in very protected locations in zone 9, but is best grown as a summer annual outside the tropics.

C King’s Crown can be used to add a pink splash to partly shady locations along pathways, entryways, or in containers where conditions permit close inspection; this species is also grown in conservatories.

**King’s Crown**

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